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May 5th 1916.

My dear Meiza.

I was very glad to receive your last letter written just before you were starting for Oslo. I am glad to hear that Mrs Cawdry House business was settled with Sir Hugh Daly before he retired, but does it not strike you that Mrs Cobb may think it rather curious of Sir Hugh to bow & occupy the house, after agreeing to give it up? You see the whole point was that H.H wanted the house & cared as large places at the disposal of his Resident. It was of course very nice of H.H to offer the house to Sir Daly's; I am of suggesting Mrs Cobb's possible point of view; I ~~am of opinion~~ think there will be no misunderstanding. I can only hope that Sir Hugh Daly's presence may help to smooth matters with the new Resident,

that it is not an easy position for either of them, and a good deal of tact will be required on both sides. after his daily visit to ours it will not, of course, matter. Your letter was written before we had heard of my application for an extension of leave & I am afraid you will be disappointed at having to go through an extra four months of single handed responsibility, but I think you know how absolutely essential it is for me to stay at home for some time longer. The Defence of Kut was a very fine affair & I hope people in India will realize the heroism of our small army there. But for the exceptional floods, the Relief Force would have got through. It is of course easy to criticize & say that the advance on Baghdad should not have been made with so small a force. My reasons that it was better that Kut should be honourably surrendered, than that the Relief Force should have gone on embarking itself in a hopeless struggle against the elements. You see the whole Country was a sea of mud, & the Sept flood which the Relief Force could not advance was

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of about a mile wide — i.e. a good deal narrower than the Gallipoli Peninsular. It is impossible to force an entrenched position if that would, if it is held in any force. This is what we found at Gallipoli. In both places there was no possibility of outflanking the enemy. An outflanking movement was tried on the Tigris, but the marshy overflooded nature of the country made it impossible. You will see that universal Military Service has at last been introduced in England, as the only possible solution of the Recruiting question. It is a very good thing, as now they can pick out the men that they want to keep back for munitions Work & Industries. Under the voluntary system it was impossible to do this. The Irish Rebellion is another blessing in disguise, and another of Germany's failures. Its ill effect

has been to each one people in a way they has never been excited before. We get good news of Percy at the Front. At present he is going through a Machine - gun Course & is with the Trenches, so that we has a temporary relief from our daily anxiety on his account. We see a good deal of Miss Denham - She is doing War - work in the Munitions Purchase - a very fine thing for such a young girl to do. Her brother was at home from the Front recently & came to see us - we thought him a very nice young fellow. Sir Alexander Pudsey's death was a great shock to us & a terrible thing for his family. I wonder who will be the new Resident at Hyderabad. We are having wonderful weather for May - fine really hot, just like mid-Summer. Our plans for the Summer are not quite settled, but we has made up our minds to spend it in the Country. I went to the P&O Office today & took my passage in the S.S "Nagoya"

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With leave Marseilles on September 1st
reaches Bombay on the 19th She is
a small boat of the old type, but
probably quite comfortable, & being small
will perhaps not be so conspicuous an
object in the Mediterranean, as one
of the larger type! And now good bye
with our united kind regard.

always Yours truly

R H Campbell

I have written separately to the Highness
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